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## GOVERNMENT OF GOA



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#### Order

No. 40/16/2022-MAG-ELN/L&amp;O/Rally/270

Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal  
Procedure, 1973

Whereas the Election Commission of India has announced the General Election to Legislative Assembly 2022 in North Goa District scheduled to be held on 14-02-2022 and the Election Model Code of Conduct has already come into force with immediate effect.

And whereas in view of Press Note No. ECI-PIN/8/2022 dated 15th January, 2022, No. ECI/PN/10/2022 dated 22nd January, 2022 and No. ECI/PN/14/2022 dated 31st January, 2022, issued by Election Commission of India, ban on physical rallies and road shows is extended until 11-02-2022.

And whereas due to the prevailing situation in order to contain the spread of the pandemic, certain measures were undertaken and restrictions have been imposed under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 vide the Revenue Department's Order No. 1/5/29/2020-RD dated 29-12-2021 and the Order No. 23/20/2014-I/PHD/PartIV/63 dated 08-01-2022 issued by Public Health Department, as restrictions and measures are required to be continued, while additional restrictions need to be imposed to prevent the further spread of the disease.

And whereas I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit the serving in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed and therefore, under the powers vested in me under sub section (2) of Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 I hereby pass the order ex-parte.

And Whereas I Ajit Roy, IAS District Magistrate North Goa District in exercise of the powers vested in me under section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and considering the present situation, facts and circumstances do hereby order,

- 1) No Roadshow, Pad-yatra, cycle/bike/vehicle rallies and procession shall be allowed till 11th February, 2022.
- 2) Physical public meetings of political parties or contesting candidates in designated open spaces with up to 1000 persons (instead of existing 500 persons) or 50% of the capacity of the ground, whichever is less, from 1st February, 2022 is allowed.
- 3) Door-to-Door campaigning shall be allowed for 20 persons instead of 10 persons (excluding security personnel). Other instruction on door-to-door campaigning shall continue.
- 4) The political parties are allowed to conduct indoor meeting with up to 500 persons (instead of existing 300 person) or 50% of the capacity of the hall whichever is less.
- 5) Political parties and contesting candidates shall ensure the compliance of COVID appropriate behaviour and guidelines and

Model Code of Conduct at all occasions during the activities connected with the election.

- 6) No campaigning is permitted between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.

All remaining restrictions as contained in the Revised Broad Guidelines for Conduct of Election 2022, issued on 8th January and 15th January, 2022 shall continue. The Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers, Flying Squads, Sector Magistrates/Officer, Police or any other authorized Officers/Officials shall act immediately in case any violation comes to their notice or reported to them and initiate necessary action against the violator by filing FIR under appropriate section before the respective police station.

Failure to comply with this order shall be liable for penal action under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code and other relevant provisions of laws in force.

This supersedes earlier Orders No. 40/16/2022-MAG-ELN/L&O/Rally/33 dated 17-01-2022, No. 40/16/2022-MAG-ELN/L&O/Rally/218 dated 22-01-2022, and No. 40/16/2022-MAG-ELN/L&O/Rally/220 dated 23-01-2022.

This order shall be in force upto 11th February, 2022.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 31st day of January, 2022.

Panaji.—The District Magistrate & DEO (North),  
Ajit Roy, IAS.

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